Lignite Corporation Ltd. till date is indicated below:—

(Dues as on 31.7.95 for supplies upto 6/95)

		(Rs. in crores)
(a)	Monthly bills	Nil
(b)	Supplementary bills for rate difference	38.55
(c)	Others	2.26
(d)	Transmission charges	4.41
	Total:	45.22

There is no outstanding against TNEB as regards regular monthly bills.

(d) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board was regularly reminded by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. on various occasions to settle their dues.

Visit of Commerce Minister to USA

*193. DR. GOPALRO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to boost the Indo-American commercial and trade ties, some high power delegation led by Commerce Minster visited USA in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives;

(c) whether Government have made some achievements with this visit;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a large amount has been spent on this visit; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (f) During his visit to U.S.A. in June, 1995 Commerce Minister addressed the Inaugural Board Meeting of the Indo-U.S. Commercial Alliance, which is a body comprising of private sector representatives from both sides, and also addressed a Conference on "Information Technology: opportunities in India". His other important engagements, *inter-alia* included, bilateral meetings with the U.S. Commerce Secretary, U.S. Trade Representative; meeting with silicon valley Indian Professionals Association, Washington, International Trade Association and other bodies engaged in promoting Indo-U.S. Commercial relations. He also called on some Senators and Congressmen. During the visit he was accompanied by an officer in the Commerce Ministry and was joined in U.S.A. by our ambassdor and other senior officers of the Indian Embassy. Private Sector representatives who had participated in the inaugural meeting of the Board of Indo-U.S. Commercial Alliance and Conference on Information Technology went at their own cost and no financial assistance was provided by Government for their visit. The visit helped in forging stronger Indo-U.S. Commercial and trade ties and also provided an opportunity for discussing various issues of mutual bilateral concern.

Shifting of original coal linkages

*194. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that original coal linkages had to be shifted to alternate sources due to non-development of linked mines;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases and their locations in which this was done;

(c) what was done in the matter of alternate fuel supply; and

(d) how this has affected the commissioning of power projects in the private sector?